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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Zouren NIE et al.

Title: ER STRENGTHENING  
ALUMINUM ALLOY

Appl. No.: 10/747,955

Appl. Filing Date: 12/31/2003

Examiner: J. C. Morillo

Art Unit: 1742

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.

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[ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

[ X ] Reply Accompanying RCE.

[ X ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

[ X ] Information Disclosure Statement.

[ X ] Form SB08 with copies of 2 listed references.

[ ] Other .

Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	\$790.00
Total Claims:	13	-	20 = 0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	3 = 0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
				First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$360.00	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: =	\$790.00

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		<u>\$1,020.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$1,020.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		-	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$1,020.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1,810.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$1,810.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1,810.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$1,810.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date January 13, 2008

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